

about to do any raid. In this official ridden and constantly governed country, however, no change is likely to be affected until the trade is dead, and then there will be fruitless attempts to bring about its resurrection.—*Daily News* correspondent.

SHAOHSING.

13th July.

At Yu-yao-hsien a large rice-mill recently went forth with three assistants to collect debts, and they had received about sixteen taels when they were attacked by robbers in the city with the loss of gold and bonds destined to remit to their Native towns, when a large-sized boat, with nine explosions, looking like fireworks, it drew near to the mill. It being nearly dark the place a lonely one and themselves only four persons, they thought useless to call for help, so they fled to the river bank, and were afraid to stop to help, lest the pirates should follow them. The robbers got away with about eight thousand dollars. The merchants hastened to the city, and it once informed the mandarin. The thief immediately sent four men in every direction. Mexican dollars are heavy, "bulky things," two brothers of the practical crew were captured, and the field-laborers were frantically looking for the men who had been at this scene, those young devils; these seeing two men with a ruderis concealed something heavy, supposed on a circumspect basis between them, watched their movements, but tried to do so without being noticed by the two robbers. The latter perceived the laborers were watching them, so they hurried to the banks over a ridge, great numbers of them, some on the other side at the foot of a hill. They had scarcely concealed the bag before ten of these stalwart Yu-yao-field-laborers pointed upon them. The two pirates took flight, the laborers gave chase, as there were high hills right ahead, the robbers were soon caught. The two brothers were captured, and a large number of silver dollars in the vicinity, about eleven hundred Mexicans—for they had not guessed what was in the bag. They then dragged the two brothers off to the city magistrate, whilst others took charge, or rather kept guard over the treasure in the ground. The Chinese dare not dislodge any of the party, so the Chinese, day and night, stood by to see if the two brothers would escape. The Chinese ransacked the farms with a present of a hundred dollars. The two prisoners confessed their crime at Yu-yao, and were sent up to the Prefect, before whom they denied all knowledge of the robbery! They were sent back to Yu-yao, and the next day, the themselves guilty admitted, and the prefect, who again denied all complicity in the affair. This was done three times, at last the Prefect had to use the horrible torturing implements, and questioned the prisoners minutely. They pled guilty, but one took opium in the night and was found dead in his cell the next morning. The other is to be sent to the capital. However, he will be released, and his head sent back to Yu-yao. No one knows how the other got opium into his room, as they were said to be vigilantly watched over—the authorities fearing something of the kind!—*Mercury* correspondent.

THE RECENT VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN CELEBES.

Particulars of the volcanic outburst at Sampit, given in the *Southern China*, show that the lava brought has been widespread. The volcano began suddenly to burst out on the 7th June, and continued to do so throughout. At the time all was quiet—so quiet that those who had gone to work in the cultivated fields, and to see to the standing crops. The volcano began so unawares to break out that hardly any of those out in the gardens and plantations in the northern portion of the island could escape. Immense areas of glowing lava with enormous stones all red-hot were flying through the air. A terrible crashing was heard and smoke was seen miles away down the mountain, the position of the crater gave way and a swift torrent of boiling mud rushed down. The whole of the northern end of the island now, buried as it were under the volcanic matter, and not a single tree has been left standing. On the first day, lone people who arrived on the island from Mindanao, saw a column of a geyser-like volcano of death. On the second day from the outburst fully six hundred corpses were found and the estimate regarding the loss of life reached twice that number. The southern portion of the island has also suffered much, as has been seen with a thick layer of ashes and sand, though the lava has not yet reached them, and did not reach it. The cane and cotton plantations and fruit orchards have been laid waste and the destruction brought about has resulted in distress bordering on famine. At the neighbouring part of Mindanao, the *Resident* has started a fund to relieve the distressed and subscriptions have been raised for this purpose. There was a wholesale panic in Manila, by last address as what was to be done has been caused by volcanic matter. The survivors thronged places of refuge in them, and offered a favourable field for the spread of disease and disorder. They showed the utmost discouragement, and for a long while after the eruption no one from superstition durst leave. The volcano has now, however, given out, and enormous amounts of smoke were the only signs of activity, but it has still seethed and bubbled so that the whole neighborhood within a radius of ten miles from the mountain was covered with furiously boiling sulphur-springs and mud wells. The Government has taken measures to supply the stricken people with rice.

THE WEATHER.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

24th JULY, AT 1 P.M.

STATION.	Burnside	Temp.	Wind.	Westerly	Wind.	Westerly	Wind.	Westerly
Whidbey Is.	29.88	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	29.34	86	NE	3	c	—	—	—
Nagasaki	29.48	85	SE	2	b	—	—	—
Anjou	29.48	85	SW	2	b	—	—	—
Sextant	29.48	85	SW	2	b	—	—	—
Hongkong	29.45	81	SE	4	o	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	29.47	81	SE	4	o	—	—	—
Canton	29.47	81	SE	4	o	—	—	—
Macao	29.44	84	SE	4	o	—	—	—
Holloway	29.40	84	SE	1	o	—	—	—
Dalat	29.35	85	SE	2	o	—	—	—
Manila	29.35	85	SE	1	o	—	—	—
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